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PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of :  
Kohei SHIMODA, et al. :  
Application No.: Not yet assigned : Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
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For: GRANULAR METAL POWDER :

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 6 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

An Appendix containing 18 pages of clean substitute specification, containing no new matter, and 19 pages of marked-up specification is attached following page 7 of this paper.